



Info Central

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CARING MINISTRY

Visiting Friends Ministry

Visiting Friends Ministry is designed to reach out to the elderly community with volunteers who visit with a person who is home-bound or a resident in assisted living or a nursing home. The visiting friends volunteers will provide Christian friendship through on-going, one-on-one visits.

We are officially implementing a ministry at the Baptist Home with a group of individuals who will be attending an orientation there on April 4 at 10:00 a.m. The Baptist Home has 14 residents who would welcome a regular visitor.

We would like to expand our Visiting Friends Ministry by taking our process at the Baptist Home and using it with other nursing homes.

We are in the process of recruiting people who would like to visit our elderly, church members and regular attendees who are unable to attend church. This would include a brief orientation before the actual visiting begins. As soon as we have several volunteers we will be ready to begin.

Orientation for either of these ministries will include: what to expect; what to do on the first visit; ongoing activities you can do with your care receiver; and what your on-going support includes.

If you are interested in becoming a friend in either of the above situations, please contact us.

One-On-One Visiting Ministry

One-On-One Ministry is designed to reach out to hurting people in our church. When times are tough, we all need someone to reach out to us with love and encouragement. Many of us have experienced similar situations and have a lot of understanding and insights into what others are going through. We can use our experiences and spiritual gifts to befriend someone through this ministry and help them experience God's kindness, wisdom and strength. We will begin this ministry when the training described below is complete.

If Pastor Terry's recent sermons have nudged you into using your gifts, now is the time to step forward and participate

Caring Education and Training

We are offering a seven-week care training class for anyone interested in volunteering in one of the Caring Ministries. It begins April 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The following six Sundays (excluding Easter) we'll meet from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., lunch included. We are using the workbook, A Trusted Friend When It Matters Most, which we heard about from the people at New Hope Evangelical Free Church in Minneapolis. Training will provide additional insights, skills and resources to help you become more effective than you already are. If you are interested in signing up for this ministry, please contact us.

Spiritual Gifts

Pastor Kevin has conducted two spiritual gifts classes and now includes a spiritual gifts evaluation in all the new membership classes. He will be conducting another class in late spring.

To volunteer contact one of these persons,

Barbara Anderson

Peggy Martin

Deborah Weibel



GOING BEYOND: A LIFE INTERRUPTED SIMULCAST, FEATURING PRISCILLA SHIRER

You don't want to miss this extraordinary Bible study, prayer, and worship event! It is for women of every age, culture, and background. The simulcast will be held at FEFC on April 1 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 2, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

COOPERSTOWN BIBLE CAMP

Welcome to another summer of camping at Cooperstown Bible Camp! We are excited and thankful for the privilege of sharing the Gospel Message of Jesus as we strive to develop relationships between campers and Christ. This summer we are challenging campers to become "ALIVE" in Christ (Ephesians 2:4-5). For more information, pick up a brochure at the information desk or www.cooperstownbiblecamp.com.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Greater focus on and development of youth ministry is one of the goals of the Capital Campaign. The increased resources debt elimination would afford could be used in so many wonderful ways to help the youth in our church and our community. Providing a safe harbor and a firm foundation for these young people during one of the more challenging seasons of their lives is crucial to their future and the future of our church. Please prayerfully consider your participation in the Capital Campaign.

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 3 AT 12:30 PM

ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK

There will be an all-church potluck Sunday, April 3 following second service. Everyone should bring a main dish. Those with last names beginning with A-L, bring a salad and those with last names beginning with M-Z, bring a dessert. Help will be needed to put the food out and cleanup. Please contact Sharon Curtiss if you can help. The annual meeting will follow the potluck.

BAPTISM CLASSES

Our next baptism service is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, 2011. If you are interested in being baptized or would like to know more about baptism, please attend any one of these classes for adults and youth: Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. The class for children is on Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room. Call the church office at 223-3330 to sign up.

MEMBERS VOTING IN NEW MEMBERS

For all of our members who will be voting on our new member candidates at the April 3 annual meeting, the final list of new member candidates to be voted on are: Marlys Readell, Ron Aller, Beth & Daryl Thompson, Steven & Annie Barreth, Sarah Schillo, Darren & Christine Johnson, Bryan & Lisa Wetch, Bob & Shaunna Upgren.

MALE SOFTBALL PLAYERS

Enjoy softball? Interested in playing on the church's city league softball team? Games are Wednesday evenings. Call or email Duane @ dbroscha@nd.gov or 255-6835 by Monday.

ONE SERVICE BEGINS MAY 29th @ 10:00 AM

